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BRIEFED FOREIGN MINISTER ALONG LINES REFTEL MAY 23. HE EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION AT BEING KEPT INFORMED. FONMIN REMARKED THAT IN TERMS OF INTERNAL EVENTS IN IRAQ, PERHAPS TIMING OF UNDER SECRETARY HABIB'S VISIT WAS NOT QUITE RIGHT TO ACHIEVE MORE. FONMIN SAID HE STILL EXPECTED IRAQ TO AGREE TO RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH US SOON BUT THAT, IN TRUE MIDDLE EAST FASHION, THERE PROBABLY WOULD BE MORE CONFIDENTIAL

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OF THIS "TWO STEPS FORWARD, ONE STEP BACK" MANEUVERING BEFORE REACHING THAT GOAL. FONMIN SAID THAT, IN ANY CASE, HAMMADI IS NOT A DECISION-MAKER IN BAGHDAD AND COULD NOT HAVE GONE BEYOND WHAT HABIB HEARD WITHOUT APPROVAL FROM ABOVE. CLUVERIUS

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